

# ABINGTON ART CENTER

## Gallery Shop Consignment Information

### **Abington Art Center's Mission**

Abington Art Center cultivates the power of the arts – inspiring individuals and strengthening community. By merging arts and culture with the natural environment, the Center's 27-acre campus invites experimentation across disciplines and engages the public in discovery and dialogue in a welcoming and intimate setting. From preschool to lifelong learners, casual observers to art enthusiasts, AAC encourages people to experience appreciate and participate in the arts at whatever level they choose through our nationally recognized sculpture park and gallery exhibitions of today's artists, studio classes and public programs.

Our organization is a hybrid—producing programs on par with contemporary art museums while fulfilling the role of a community art center for our students, members and neighbors. One of the factors cited by the NEA in funding artistic programs at AAC was our ability to combine a high quality artistic project in a grassroots community setting. Our objective is to deepen the artistic experience for viewers by providing several avenues of learning about the artist, the techniques used and related contextual information.

The Gallery Shop was founded in 1981 by a group of volunteers wishing to support local artists and the Center through the sales of hand-made craft and fine art. Today, that focus has been expanded to include eco-friendly and environmentally themed items that complement the Center's sculpture park as well as exhibition-related and fair trade merchandise. Many of the Center's faculty and accomplished artists from the community are featured. The Shop offers a unique selection that continues to be enjoyed by our visitors as a part of their cultural experience at the Center.

### **Application**

Artists wishing to be considered for consignment in the shop should send a sample of images with price information to [shop@abingtonartcenter.org](mailto:shop@abingtonartcenter.org). Artists with appropriate work will be invited to make an appointment and meet with Art Center staff to discuss the best selection of inventory, the terms and conditions and any questions the artist may have.

### **Terms & Conditions**

Abington Art Center will accept work on consignment upon approval of the Shop staff. The Center's commission is 50%. The retail price is set by the artist. Upon delivery of the work, the artist must submit a list of the items with descriptions and the retail prices. The Center will enter this information into inventory, assigning inventory numbers and tag the items accordingly. A copy of the inventory list will be sent to the artist and they should check it for accuracy.

At the end of each month, sales reports are generated. Artists selling over \$100 within that month will receive payment within 30 days. If combined sales for the next month exceeds \$100, the artist will receive payment. If sales are below \$100, artists will receive payment for all sales on a quarterly or annual basis or at the time work is returned to the artist. A list of the items sold will be included with payments so the artist can keep track of their inventory.

Artists are encouraged to periodically update their inventory to assure a strong and attractive presentation of their work. This would be particularly important in September/October in preparation for the holiday season and in March/April before the Center's Sculpture Park season opens. The artist needs to make an appointment with Art Center staff to check in /out work.

If an artist has not updated their inventory or contacted the Center in over one year, their work will be considered abandoned. Notification to the artist will be sent and if the work is not removed within 60 days, it becomes the property of the Art Center.

Inventory in the Art Center's Shop is covered under the terms of the Center's insurance policy, however, due to the deductible and the generally low price point of most shop items, only a catastrophic loss would likely be covered. The loan of work(s) to Abington Art Center on consignment is regarded as an act of trust and stewardship. Work(s) loaned will be handled with the utmost care and professionalism, and Abington Art Center will make every reasonable effort to preserve and keep safe the work(s) while such work(s) is/are in its possession. However, all tangible objects are subject to gradual inherent deterioration for which Abington Art Center is not and shall not be responsible. Items that are defective or become damaged during normal handling in a shop environment will not be covered. Likewise, any defective items returned by customers will be referred to the artist.

The terms and conditions have been read and accepted by:

ARTIST

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature & date

ABINGTON ART CENTER

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature & date

RETAIN ONE COPY AND RETURN ORIGINAL TO ABINGTON ART CENTER